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On Saturday, September 9, the secretaries of the various chambers of commerce of Southern California will meet in Exposition grounds where matters pertaining to publicity and the work of the various organizations will be taken up. As the secretaries are the guests of the pageant officials for the day, one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year is expected.

Among the Torrance people who spent the holidays away from home were Mr. and Mrs. Paige and children, who enjoyed Sunday and Monday at Laguna Beach. This was their first visit to this delightful spot, and they came home convinced that of all the beaches on the coast, Laguna is their choice, for both scenery and bathing.

**Pipeline Poems**

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW MERRIMAN CHURCH

RANGER, Texas—Work is progressing on the new brick church edifice at Merriman. The structure will cost about \$10,000. The church is in a section where Baptists made considerable money on royalty from oil wells. The congregation enjoyed considerable fame because they refused to accept a cool million dollars to drill on the church cemetery. In one year the church spent \$49,000 from its rich oil royalties for education and missionary work.

(Editor's Note—The following poem was written by a reporter for the New York World, who spent his vacation in the Texas oil fields a few years ago. The identity of the author has never been disclosed.)

**NOT FOR SALE.**

By an Unknown Author.

There's a church-yard down at Ranger, just an acre more or less, Where the south winds kiss the headstones with a lazy, soft caress; Where the china-berry shelters all that sleep beneath its shade. Neath the mounds, grass-grown and hidden, neath the fresh ones newly made.

Some are there who fought for Texas in the tragic long ago, When the swarthy Santa Anna brought his hords from Mexico; And there's some who risked the desert when the great red West was young, And whose deeds are still unwritten, seldom told and seldom sung.

Flowers bloom and die at Ranger in that sacred acre lot, Jessamine and wild rose, lest the sleepers be forgot. Here and there a broken bottle holds a spray of withered bloom; Bits of colored glass and china brighten up some sombre tomb. And above it all a belfry casts its long, lean shadows down Like a hand outstretched for silence to the clamor of the town. When the western dusk has fallen, springs a ring of garish light, And the fevered pulse of Progress beating tireless through the night.

All around the quiet church-yard and the meeting house beyond Is a hedge of blackened derricks where the monster drills respond To the tug of groaning cables as the beam nods to and fro, Delving deeper—ever deeper, to the treasures far below. Tanks attest the wealth of Midas; pipe-lines strain to hold the flood, There's a prince's ransom wasted in the sloughs of amber mud.

Yet the cry is "Give us leases! Every acre means a well; Crowd the grave-yard over yonder—force the board to lease or sell!" All of olddom knows the answer, when the chairman shook his head, Gazing past the man of millions at the city of the dead: "There is room enough in Texas"—here he waved his palsied hand—"There are countless acres open, and there's oil in every sand. Why disturb the weary tenants in yon narrow strip of sod? 'Tis not ours, but theirs—the title vested by the will of God. We, the board, have talked it over, pro and con, without avail, We reject your hundred thousand—Merriman is not for sale."

Down the long sand-trails of Texas when they reat red West was young, Men have fought the savage desert, where now thriving towns have sprung. Where the busy derricks rumble and the drills bite keen and deep Many bones—today are bleaching, where these martyrs fell asleep; Yet above the trampled prairies and the oil man's reckless tread Texas still may flaunt her banner—all her heroes are not dead! And that Baptist church at Ranger, old and dingy, half decay, With its belfry shadows falling on its plot of precious clay, Is a monument, eternal, on that long—dim Texas trail, Standing guard above the grave-stones on a lot that's "not for sale."

Owing to a confusion in the dates the meeting of the Regional Planning commissioner that was to have been held in Glendale last Saturday, did not take place, and the exact date of the conference is now undecided.

On September 14 the meeting of the Fourth District chamber of commerce will take place at the new chamber of commerce building in Long Beach, and will be attended by President Gourdier and Secretary Pottenger of this city, and by as many members of the local chamber as can leave the city.

**Torrance Folks Visit Southern Gaming Resort**

"Our trip to Tia Juana Sunday was like a page from the history of the days of '49" said Secretary Pottenger of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who with a party of friends, returned Tuesday from an outing covering several hundred miles that embraced every resort south of Long Beach.

Heading a delegation of Torrance residents who were keen to see the sights of the Mexican resort, Mr. and Mrs. Pottenger, accompanied by M. A. Pottenger, father of the former, and Mrs. Dorothy Simonton of Long Beach, spent Saturday in Glendale and Ontario and on the following day journeyed south, reaching San Diego Sunday night. "So great was the crowd in San Diego," said Mr. Pottenger, "that until late at night we were unable to get a room and when we had about made up our minds to sleep in our auto we finally found quarters in a private home.

"The crowd at Tia Juana was the largest of its kind I have ever seen and as nearly all arrived by auto, parking space for a mile about the place was at a premium.

"While we all expected to be surprised at the freedom with which liquor was sold and gambling was carried on, the sight of the dance halls with its real old-time freedom from restraint of any nature, its short-skirted and painted girls, and the faro, roulette and poker games, where money literally rained on the tables, was a revelation to most of us.

It is also well to remember that you don't have to go in swimming to have a shark pull your leg.

**"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY**

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

THE VAMPIRE WHO TRAINED A TYRANT.

ONE of the most dangerous women in the ancient world was Poppaea Sabina, wife of Nero. Under her tutelage he emerged from youth as a profligate and tyrant. History shows that before their meeting no other Roman emperor ever had a better chance of making good on his imperial job, and none ever failed so miserably.

When Nero came into power at the age of seventeen Rome was just becoming acquainted with the luxury of Greece and the Orient. But he had been raised like a Spartan by his mother Agrippina, who made him emperor almost single handed. The rigorous discipline of his mother presumably should have made Nero a brave, simple-living man, like the Romans of old. Instead, he quickly turned to luxurious ways of life. Then he met and loved Acte, an Asiatic woman. Agrippina forbade him to carry on the affair. Nero balked. He was emperor and not a mere boy any more.

The love affair with Acte estranged Nero and his wife, Octavia, whom he had married as a matter of statecraft. Then he fell under the sway of Poppaea Sabina and quickly abandoned Acte. Poppaea also was married, but as mistress to Nero she chided him for subjection to his mother. Nero lost his head and set about doing whatever Poppaea bid. She was older than he, but beautiful and seductive—a vampire in very truth. And she meant to make herself empress. Agrippina stood in the way, and Poppaea lost no chance to rub salt upon the wounds in Nero's pride. Her promptings led him to his first and perhaps his greatest crime, the murder of his own mother. When this deed had been done, Octavia still remained. But not for long. She was banished, then murdered. Poppaea became empress.

Nero, a prey to excesses of every kind, began to verge upon madness. He had many of the most prominent men executed, including even Seneca, the philosopher and tutor of his childhood. Then Rome was burned and the whole of the ancient world whispered that Nero had fired it. The emperor began reconstruction on a grand scale and actually accomplished much in that way. But his race was run. His last supporters fell away, and one night the praetorian guard deserted its post, leaving the palace unguarded. Nero crept away in the darkness, alone. The senate met and forfeited his life, when he committed suicide, at the age of thirty-one.

It was not Poppaea who laid him at rest, but the gentle Acte, who alone claimed his body.



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